

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Department of Natural Resources
Room 1060
June 8, 2004

Minutes

Member Present:

SOWARDS, Glade – Utah Energy Office
MILLIS, Eric – Division of Water Resources
ELDREDGE, Sandy – Utah Geological Survey
CANNING, Michael – Division of Wildlife Resources
KEENE, Michael – Office of Technology & Science
CHRISTY, Kim – School & Institutional Trust Lands
ZAREKARIZI, Susan – State Parks & Recreation
SCHLOTTHAUER, Bill – Division of Water Rights

Others Present:

WRIGHT, Carolyn – Department of Natural Resources
LANDURETH, Brenda – Department of Natural Resources
HARJA, John – Department of Natural Resources

I. Approval of Minutes

Glade Sowards called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 a.m.

Bill Schlotthauer moved to approve the April 13, 2004 minutes. Kim Christy seconded the motion. The April minutes were approved unanimously. Sandy Eldredge moved to approve the May 8, 2004 minutes. Susan Zarekarizi seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

II. Reports from Agencies on Any Anticipated Projects

Eric Millis, Division of Water Resources, reported that Kanab Irrigation Company is planning to drill a well north of town and to connect a pipe to the well.

Michael Canning, Division of Wildlife Resources, reported that the fisheries habitat enhancement project in southern Utah is to restore native cutthroat trout. A few additional streams will be included in this project and the item will be resubmitted this week.

Susan Zakekarizi, State Parks and Recreation, announced a land sale adjacent to Willard Bay State Park.

Bill Schlotthauer, Division of Water Rights, announced that Rick Hall has retired and Dave Marble will be taking his position in the Dam Safety Section. The division scheduled a public meeting on July 29, 2004, in Kamas, Utah, to discuss research in Kamas Valley. A meeting will be scheduled to review the Utah Geological Survey Cedar Valley Geology Study in Utah County. A policy management meeting will be scheduled in Tooele, Utah at the Tooele Army Depot to discuss a contamination plume on northeast corner of the old valley floor.

Kim Christy, School and Institutional Trust Lands (SITLA), reported that SITLA is seeking public input on the effort to align forest product rules with the Forest Practices Act.

Under the 1992 statute, the legislature granted temporary easements or rights-of-way crossing roads. A meeting has been scheduled with county commissioners to discuss access issues and to formalize a rule making process to provide opportunities for input.

Glade Sowards, Utah Energy Office, reported that the office is studying the impacts of individual wells. They are using a model to evaluate any environmental impacts of wells on various scales. The office is working with the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands to consider applications for small forest products for energy applications.

John Harja announced that the Bureau of Land Management anticipates the Price Resource Management Plan (RMP) in the next few weeks. The Vernal RMP is on hold at this time. U.S. Forest Service planning is underway. Val Payne will be attending Wild and Scenic River meetings. The Ashley National Forest plan will be completed in fall 2004.

John Harja, Carolyn Wright, Val Payne and Randy Johnson will be moving to 5110 State Office Building at the request of the Lt. Governor. A new employee will be hired to assist the planning and policy group and will be located at the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

John Harja – (801) 537-9275
Val Payne – (801) 537-9297

Carolyn Wright – (801) 537-9230
Randy Johnson – (801) 537-9117

John Harja reported, the legislature had a sunset review meeting regarding the Resource Development Coordinating Committee (RDCC) in April. The committee decided “no action” so RDCC will seek a sponsor for a new bill to reauthorize RDCC. The DNR and RDCC will be using the same comment coordination process.

RDCC received a request for information for a review of Advisory Committees.

IV. Review of Proposed Items as Listed on the Project Management Library

John Harja thanked the committee for providing comments on the West Tavaputs project.

Hill Air Force Base has requested that RDCC be the main contact for state government for planning and project related issues.

Glade Sowards reported that the State of Wyoming is attempting to establish a process similar to RDCC.

The BLM resource advisory committee is holding a meeting to discuss recreation and the off-highway vehicle (OHV) task force in Moab, Utah. A semi-final (OHV) report is anticipated.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:40 a.m. The next meeting will be held on July 13, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in room 1060.